

Las Cruces, NM- Congressman Harry Teague and Congressman Silvestre Reyes are honoring the 85th Anniversary of the Border Patrol with a resolution they have introduced with 35 cosponsors in Congress. The resolution expresses gratitude for the continued commitment of the Border Patrol in protecting the United States.

The Border Patrol is often the first line of defense against many threats. They patrol over 8,000 miles of international borders with Mexico and Canada and the coastal waters around Florida and Puerto Rico to secure and facilitate trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. regulations, including immigration and drug laws.

"For the past 85 years our Border Patrol has worked tirelessly to protect our borders. These brave men and women deserve our full support," said Representative Harry Teague, the primary sponsor of the resolution. "With the recent escalating border violence in Mexico their service has been especially valuable and critical to the safety of our citizens that live in the border communities along southern New Mexico. We hope to honor their commitment and sacrifice with this resolution."

"As a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol and former Sector Chief, I have a deep appreciation for the men and women who work hard everyday to keep our borders secure," Representative Silvestre Reyes said. "The 21st century challenges faced by our Border Patrol agents today are vastly different from those confronted during the Agency's early history. The U.S. Border Patrol continues to play a vital role in preserving our national security, and I commend all the agents serving across the country for continuing the Agency's proud legacy of professionalism and dedication."

Today over 18,800 Border Patrol Agents risk their lives in defense of our country. The resolution will be introduced next week, when Congress returns to session.

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